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November 30, 2007

Mr. James J. Steele, Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 315 West Allegan, Room 201 Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Mr. Steele:

In a letter to you dated September 10, 2007, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) requested an extension of the FY 2006 - FY 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) through October 31, 2007. As your staff is aware, the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and MDOT have run into additional issues with the launch of the automated STIP files and required elements in 23 CFR 450. To date, seven of the MPOs have submitted updated documentation and six MPOs have not.

At the joint planning and finance meeting held on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, Denise Jackson, Division Administrator of the Statewide Transportation Planning Division, and Don Cameron of the Federal Highway Administration, discussed the extension. In order to allow for proper review of the documents by both agencies, MDOT is requesting the extension of the FY 2006 - 2008 STIP through January 31, 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Marsha L. Small, Manager, Statewide Planning Section, at 517-373-9054.

Sincerely.

Susan P. Montel, Directo

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